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To begin to answer the question of what is being done to achieve the objectives of "Healthy People 2000: National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives," a national strategy for significantly improving the health of the Nation by the year 2000, the Public Health Service (PHS) has published in three volumes the "Healthy People 2000 Action Series."

The series lays out 1991 actions to accomplish the objectives being taken by the Public Health Service, the States, and national membership organizations of the Healthy People 2000 Consortium.

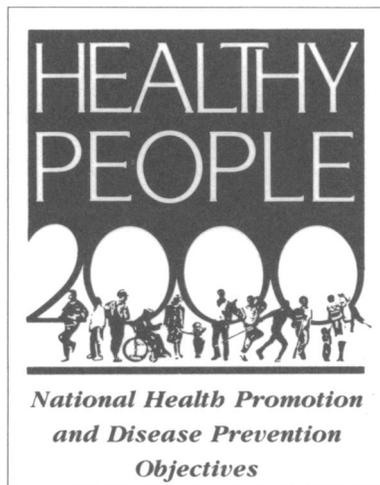
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While the report focuses principally on the activities of PHS, it also notes for each priority area other Federal agencies that support relevant activities.

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"Consortium Action" describes support for the national health objectives from the more than 300 national membership organizations of the Healthy People 2000 Consortium. The consortium reaches individuals, institutions, or affiliates of organizations that represent older people, American Indians, nurses, educators, families, children, and corporations. Members' special interests range from health statistics, lung diseases, and computer networks to child safety and mental health. Many other special interest coalitions have joined the consortium, lending their support to achieving the national health objectives.

Nearly all the organizations have publicized the objectives to their members. Many others have used the objectives as the theme for their annual conferences, or devoted conference sessions to discussion of how the organization and individuals can help achieve the objectives.

Consortium members also have been innovative in developing specially tailored Healthy People 2000 materials for their members. Some have excerpted the objectives that are of particular interest to their members; others have matched program materials with the objectives supported by the materials. Still others have developed new materials that reflect a new emphasis on achieving the national health objectives.

Of the 139 organizations included in "Consortium Action," 18 are voluntary associations, 20 are professional organizations, 57 are health professional organizations, 8 are educational institution associations, 10 are trade organizations, and 26 are voluntary health organizations. Ranging in size from 13 members to 33 million, these 139 organizations have a total of 62 million individual members and nearly 14,000 institutional members. Five organizations have more than 3 million members each. The youngest organization is barely 2 years old; the oldest, a venerable 145 years old. Together, they bring nearly 6,000 years of experience to the drive to achieve Healthy People 2000.

The Action Series is an attempt to document and publicize some of the many programs that are going forward, direct individuals and organizations to appropriate available resources, and in doing so, establish a baseline of health activities with which future efforts can be compared.

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